

**DATE:** July 14, 2005**SUBJECT:** Recommendations for appointments to the Committee on  
Postsecondary Educational Institutions**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In 1992, State law created under the auspices of the Commission an advisory committee for recommendations and the review of issues relative to institutions subject to the Postsecondary Authorization Act. Persons appointed shall be broadly representative of the geographical characteristics of Tennessee. Five (5) members of the Committee shall be employed by, hold an ownership in, or otherwise be affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Four (4) members shall be representative of the public interest and shall have no association or relationship with such institutions. Two (2) members shall be representative of community based organizations that have an interest in postsecondary occupational education. Of the thirteen (13) members, eleven (11) are appointed with the remaining two (2) serving by virtue of their position as Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and as Executive Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.

On June 30, 2005, 3 appointments to the committee expired, and 2 members were no longer able to serve. Currently, 5 positions on the committee are vacant. Therefore, Commission staff are recommending 2 committee members be reappointed and the appointment of 4 new members to the Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions.

1. Reappointment: Mr. Joe Brown

Mr. Brown represents west Tennessee. He is a representative that is employed by, holds an ownership in, or is otherwise affiliated with an institution that is subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Mr. Brown is the owner and director of Supplemental Services in Jackson and Memphis, Tennessee.

2. Reappointment: Ms. Joyce Searcy

Mrs. Searcy represents middle Tennessee. She is a representative of a community-based organization that has an interest in postsecondary occupational education. Mrs. Searcy is the President and CEO of the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville in Nashville, Tennessee.

1. New Appointment: Mr. Michael Jaeger

Mr. Jaeger represents west Tennessee. He is a representative of public interest and has no association or relationship to an institution that is subject to the

committee's supervision and oversight. Mr. Jaeger is currently retired from a career in Health Care Sales.

2. New Appointment: Commissioner John A. Keys

Commissioner Keys represents middle Tennessee. He is a representative of public interest and has no association or relationship to an institution that is subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Mr. Keys currently serves as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs and was formerly the Director of Veteran Services for Shelby County Government.

3. New Appointment: Mr. Prentis McClain

Mr. Prentis McClain represents west Tennessee. He is a representative that is employed by, holds an ownership in, or is otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Mr. McClain serves as the Chief Business Officer on New Dimensions Bible College's Board of Directors.

4. New Appointment: Ms. Brenda Webb

Ms. Webb represents east Tennessee. She is a representative of public interest and has no association or relationship to an institution that is subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Ms. Webb is currently employed with the Sullivan County Department of Education where she is a member of Dr. John O'Dell's immediate staff. She has also served as an assistant principal and teacher with the Sullivan County Department of Education.

The staff recommends that Mr. Joe Brown, Mrs. Joyce Searcy, Mr. Michael Jaeger, Commissioner John A. Keys, Mr. Prentis McClain and Ms. Brenda Webb be appointed to the Committee for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. Other members of the committee are:

Denise Bentley, Attorney, Metro Board of Education  
Vickie Burch, Director, West Tennessee Business College  
Bill Faour, Owner/Director, Electronic Computer Programming College  
Gaylon Hall, Director Emeritus, William R. Moore  
Dr. Richard G. Rhoda, Executive Director, TN Higher Education Comm.  
Dr. Robert Ruble, Executive Director, TN Student Assistance Corporation\*  
Steve South, Owner/Director, South College

\*Effective August 1, 2005